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Examiner: Delma R. Flores Ruiz
Title: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE AND OPTICAL PICK UP APPARATUS USING THE SAME
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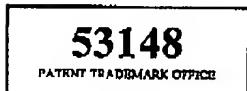
REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 6, 7 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form. No new matter has been introduced. Claims 1-5 and 8-15 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 6, 7 and 16 remain pending in the application.

Claims 1-5, 8-9 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hiroyama et al. (US 5,963,572). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 1-5, 8-9 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejection moot. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the rejection.

Claims 10-14 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Doi et al. (US 5,679,947). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. Claims 10-14 have been canceled without prejudice, rendering the rejection moot. Applicant is not conceding the correctness of the rejection.

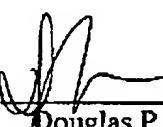
In view of the above, favorable reconsideration in the form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Any questions regarding this communication can be directed to the undersigned attorney, Douglas P. Mueller, Reg. No. 30,300, at (612) 455-3804.



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